



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8728**
Norio KIMURA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2000_1761A
Serial No. 09/742,386 : Group Art Unit 1763
Filed December 22, 2000 : Examiner Karla A. Moore
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR : **Mail Stop RCE**
PROCESSING SEMICONDUCTOR
SUBSTRATE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 16, 2006, the time for responding thereto being extended for (1) month in accordance with a Petition for Extension submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: